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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 27 August 1969

DDI reported that he had talked yesterday with sixteen graduate students who had worked as summer interns in the Intelligence Directorate this year. He said that their comments on the Agency had been very favorable and that they had been particularly impressed by the analysts' freedom to reach their own judgments. Bannerman noted that the Director of Personnel had interviewed the same group. The students had been particularly impressed that the professional caliber of Agency analysts was higher than that of their professors. He felt that the students would be good salesmen for the Agency at their universities. The Director noted that he hoped the program would be continued next year.

DDI informed the Director that [ ] had discussed with [ ] the latter's recent trip to Moscow and did not believe it was necessary to talk to McGeorge Bundy. The Director concurred.

[ ] The Director said that he was concerned over the Department of State's transmittal of extracts from the Estimate all over the world, particularly in view of the political sensitivity of the subject. The Director asked if there were standing USIB ground rules regarding dissemination of information from NIE's. DDI said that there were no standing ground rules apart from ad hoc decisions reached by USIB on an Estimate of particular sensitivity. The Director asked that [ ] be instructed to schedule a discussion of this question by the USIB in an Executive Session. The

Lehman for Godfrey commented on a recent Soviet command and control exercise.

Lehman reported that the White House had requested a brief comment on the significance of the first appearance of a North Vietnamese regiment in the delta area.

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Abbot Smith reported that he expected to receive all footnotes to NIE 11-8-69 from USIB Principals by noon today and would have the Director's annotated copy of the Estimate ready this afternoon. He said that two or three of the footnotes would require a decision by the Director. Mr. A. Smith said that the Estimate had been a "troublesome and unsatisfactory" paper because the last year had been a period of transition into several major new Soviet weapons programs. There was insufficient evidence to judge with confidence the importance and future role of some of these weapons.

Bannerman reported that two drunken University of Maryland students who had climbed over the Agency fence last night had been apprehended and released with a warning.

Carver reported that he had refused to concur in a draft DOD memorandum to the President regarding NSSM 36, "Vietnamizing the War," because a copy had not yet been made available to the Agency. Carver understood that the memorandum contained an estimate on enemy logistic traffic through Laos which did not agree with the appropriate NIE. Carver said that he expected to receive the text shortly.

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Bross, referring to the discussion of NIE 11-8-69, invited attention to the possibility of complications arising from PFIAB's new responsibility to assess the threat to the US for the President. He noted that General Maxwell Taylor's resignation as President of IDA would leave him more time to concentrate on PFIAB threat assessments. Bross said he did not have information on what use the PFIAB would make of our major military estimates in this connection.

\*Bross reported that General Maxwell Taylor had asked to see copies of the papers on Verification regarding whose great sensitivity General Taylor had earlier expressed concern. DDI noted that these papers technically belonged to the White House rather than to the Agency. The Director instructed Mr. Bross to suggest that PFIAB seek copies of the Verification papers from Henry Kissinger.

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Chamberlain for Duckett noted the appointment of Dr. Libby of the Director's Nuclear Intelligence Panel as scientific advisor to the Governor of Idaho.

Executive Director noted that he and Tom Karamessines had held another session yesterday with Ambassador McElhiney concerning OPRED matters.

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\* The Director said that he wanted to discuss the briefing of Senator Russell further with Jack Maury. He instructed that a contingency briefing package be prepared on major Soviet weapons questions.

The Director asked for comments on a letter from DD/R&E Foster asking that CIA and DIA furnish full support to a major IDA intelligence assessment of Soviet research and development programs. The question was raised whether the Director should accept DD/R&E's initiative on this major intelligence study. The Director asked that DDCI, DDI, DDS&T advise him further after studying Foster's letter. NOTE: After the meeting General Cushman scheduled a meeting with the above officers to prepare recommendations for the Director.

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